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SUBJ: REPORTING ON EC-US AGRICULTURAL CONSULTATIONS

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1. DURING THE EC-US AGRICULTURE CONSULTATIONS ON MARCH 17 AND 18, IT WAS AGREED THAT THE TWO DELEGATIONS WOULD CONTACT EACH OTHER BEFORE SUBMITTING REPORTS ON THESE CONSULTATIONS TO GROUP AGRICULTURE. WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED A REPORT WHICH THE EC PROPOSES TO SUBMIT. WE FEEL THAT IT IS NOT QUITE OBJECTIVE BUT DO NOT PROPOSE TO TAKE ISSUE WITH IT. INSTEAD, WE PROPOSE TO SUBMIT A REPORT OF OUR OWN.

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2. FOLLOWING IS AN INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF THE REPORT OF THE EEC: QUOTE COMMUNICATION FROM THE EC TO THE CHAIRMAN OF GROUP "AGRICULTURE", SUBJECT: SHORT REPORT OF THE EEC ON THE CONSULTATIONS WHICH IT HAD WITH THE UNITED STATES CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

1. FOLLOWING THE NOTIFICATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE GATT SECRETARIAT UNDER THE PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY GROUP "AGRICULTURE" ON DECEMBER 16, 1975, CONSULTATIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE ON THE 17TH AND 18TH OF MARCH 1977, IN GENEVA BETWEEN THE EEC AND THE UNITED STATES.

2. NOTIFICATION BY THE UNITED STATES TO THE COMMUNITY

(I) TWO SERIES OF NOTIFICATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY THE UNITED STATES WITH RESPECT TO THE EEC. THEY ARE INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENTS MTN/AG/W/11/ADD.10 AND MTN/AG/W/11/ADD.10/SUPP1.1.

(II) THE CONSULTATION HAS PERMITTED TO CLARIFY THE SITUATION WITH REGARD TO THE MEASURES EFFECTIVELY APPLIED BY THE COMMUNITY TO CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

IN PARTICULAR IT PERMITTED A DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE FUNCTIONING OF CERTAIN MECHANISMS APPLIED TO THE MEASURES NOTIFIED AND TO DELINEATE THEIR TRADE RESTRICTIVE EFFECTS. IT ALSO PERMITTED TO MAKE CLEAR THAT CERTAIN MEASURES WHICH HAVE BEEN THE SUBJECT OF NOTIFICATION ARE NO LONGER APPLIED OR HAVE BEEN PARTLY ABOLISHED (I.E., THEY ONLY COVER CERTAIN PRODUCTS OF A GIVEN TARIFF LINE.)

(III) THE COMMUNITY HAS TAKEN NOTE THAT THE LIST OF NOTIFICATIONS IT RECEIVED WAS NOT EXHAUSTIVE

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TIVE AND THAT OTHER NOTIFICATIONS COULD BE SUBMITTED TO IT AT A LATER DATE ON PRODUCTS OF DIRECT INTEREST TO THE EXPORT TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES.

3. NOTIFICATION BY THE COMMUNITY TO THE UNITED STATES

(I) THE NOTIFICATIONS BY THE COMMUNITY TO THE

UNITED STATES -- WHICH INCLUDE THE TARIFF MEASURES AS WELL AS THE NON-TARIFF MEASURES AFFECTING THE TRADE WITH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS - ARE INCLUDED IN THE DOCUMENT MTN/AG/W/11/ADD.5 (PP. 38 AND FOLLOWING).

(II) DURING THE CONSULTATIONS THE COMMUNITY OBSERVED THAT THE UNITED STATES HAVE A MAJOR ROLE TO PLAY IN THE EXPANSION OF TRADE WITH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, AS IMPORTER AS WELL AS EXPORTER, AND THAT A CERTAIN NUMBER OF MEASURES WERE MAINTAINED OR ADOPTED IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH ARE NOT IN

ACCORDANCE WITH GATT PROVISIONS.

(III) THE COMMUNITY HAS, IN PARTICULAR, EXPRESSED ITS CONCERN REGARD-
ING:

-- THE MAINTENANCE OF THE WAIVER
GRANTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ON MARCH
5, 1955, FOR CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS AS
WELL AS THE EXISTENCE OF QUANTITATIVE
RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTANT AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS
NOT COVERED BY THIS WAIVER;

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-- THE LEVEL OF CUSTOMS DITIES ON CERTAIN
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS RELATIVE TO THE GENERAL
LEVEL OF THE CUSTOMS DUTIES APPLIED;

-- THE EXISTENCE OF CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF
THE TRADE ACT SUCH AS SECTIONS 201, 301, AND 331
AND THE WAY THEY ARE UTILIZED;

-- THE STRICT AND AT TIMES UNJUSTIFIED APP-LICATION OF SANITARY O
R PHYTOSANITARY MEASURES
OR OF LABELLING AND PACKAGING RULES;

-- THE APPLICATION TO LIQUORS OF THE WINE
GALLON/PROFF GALLON METHOD OF ASSESS-
MENT WHICH DISCRIMINATES AGAINST IMPORTED PRODUCTS;

--EXPORT MEASURES TAKEN BY THE UNITED
STATES.

THE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WHICH FOLLOWED THE
EXPOSE OF EACH PARTY'S CONCERNS HAVE BEEN CON-

SIDERED USEFUL FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE WORK
WITHIN GROUP "AGRICULTURE" END QUOTE

3. FOLLOWING IS THE REPORT WE INTEND TO SUBMIT: QUOTE
NOTE ON CONSULTATIONS HELD BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
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OF AMERICA AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY AND ITS
MEMBER STATES.

4. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION TAKEN BY GROUP
"AGRICULTURE" ON DECEMBER 16, 1975 (MTN/AG/4) CONSUL-
TATIONS TOOK PLACE ON MARCH 17 AND 18, 1977, BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY
AND ITS MEMBER STATES. THESE CONSULTATIONS WERE BASED
ON THE U.S. NOTIFICATIONS CONTAINED IN MTN/AG/W/11/ADD10
AND MTN/AG/11/ADD.10/SUPPL.1; AND ON THE EC NOTIFI-
CATIONS CONTAINED IN
MTN/AG/W/11/ADD.5. THIS NOTE IS BEING SUBMITTED IN
ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISION ON REPORTING REACHED BY
GROUP AGRICULTURE AT ITS MEETING ON DECEMBER 20, 1976
(MTN/AG/5).

5. THE CONSULTATIONS GAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF
THE IMPORT MEASURES AND TRADING SYSTEMS WHICH WERE
THE SUBJECT OF THE NOTIFICATIONS. THEY ALSO BROUGHT
TO LIGHT THAT CERTAIN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
NOTIFIED ARE NO LONGER APPLIED.

6. WITH REFARD TO THE EC NOTIFICATIONS THE CONSULTA-
TIONS PERMITTED THE COMMUNITY DELEGATION TO EXPRESS
THEIR CONCERN OVER WHAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE THE TRADE
RESTRICTIVE EFFECTS OF VARIOUS U.S. IMPORT MEASURES.
THE U.S. DECLARED IT WILLINGNESS TO EXAMINE
ANY SPECIFIC ACCESS PROBLEM ENCOUNTERED BY
THE EC OR ITS MEMBER STATES.

7. WITH REGARD TO THE U.S. NOTIFICATIONS, THE CON-
SULTATIONS PERMITTED THE U.S. DELEGATION TO DISCUSS THE
COMMUNITY'S AND MEMBER STATE'S IMPORT REGIMES AND TO
EXAMINE THE RATIONALE AND METHOD OF APPLICATION OF
INDIVIDUAL IMPORT MEASURES.

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8. THE COMMUNITY AND THE MEMBER STATES TOOK NOTE OF

THE U.S. VIEWS.

9. THE CONSULTATIONS PROVED USEFUL FOR THE FURTHER
WORK OF GROUP "AGRICULTURE". UNQUOTE
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